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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PINR, PGOV, TBIO, BR, GE  
SUBJ: MENGELE INVESTIGATION

REF: A) SAO PAULO 41432 EXDIS  
B) BRASILIA 6019

1. SUMMARY:

ON JUNE 10, NEAL SHER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OSI), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, RAFAEL FONSECA, INSPECTOR, U.S. MARSHAL SERVICE, AND POLOFF MET WITH ROMEU TUMA, SAO PAULO CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE AND MAN IN CHARGE OF THE MENGELE INVESTIGATION. TUMA TOLD US, NOTWITHSTANDING THE INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS CASE, THE INVESTIGATION IS A BRAZILIAN MATTER. HE CONCEDED, HOWEVER, THAT "SCIENCE HAS NO BORDERS" AND WELCOMED U.S. AND GERMAN ASSISTANCE IN EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE. END SUMMARY.

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2. BRAZILIAN POLICE INVESTIGATORS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THREE FRG INVESTIGATORS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH: (1) WHETHER MENGELE LIVED IN SAO PAULO; (2) WHETHER MENGELE DIES IN SAO PAULO; AND (3) WHETHER THE REMAINS IN THE COFFIN EXHUMED IN EMBU ARE MENGELE'S. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT MENGELE LIVED IN SAO PAULO IN THE 1960S AND 70S IS PERSUASIVE. WHAT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS IS THAT MENGELE DIED HERE AND WAS THE MAN IN THE COFFIN. ONLY PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS EXHUMED NON JUNE 6 CAN ESTABLISH THAT POINT. THE EXHUMATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN SUCH AN UNPROFESSIONAL MANNER (REFTEL A). IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS IS GOING TO BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT. TUMA

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ASSURED US, HOWEVER, THAT THE ENTIRE SKELETON WAS  
RECOVERED.

3. IN OUR CONTACTS WITH TUMA AND OTHER BRAZILIAN AUTORITIES ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 7, THEY WERE VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT THEIR PREROGATIVES INSISTING THEY WERE QUITE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WITHOUT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. TUMA WAS DISTURBED THAT U.S. OFFICIALS CAME UNINVITED TO SAO PAULO. EMBASSY DELIVERED A DEMARCHE TO THE BRAZILIAN MFA THAT AFTERNOON URGING THAT FOREIGN EXPERTS BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE RESULTS (REFTEL B). THE FOLLOWING MORNING TUMA CALLED SAO PAULO CONGEN TO GIVE HIS APPROVAL FOR U.S. DOCUMENTS EXPERTS TO COME TO SAO PAULO IN AN OBSERVER STATUS. (THREE EXPERTS WILL ARRIVE IN SAO PAULO ON JUNE 11).

4. IN OUR MEETING WITH TUMA THIS MORNING, WE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE REMAINS AND ASKED THAT U.S. FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE. TUMA SAID HE HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIS OWN PATHOLOGISTS BUT WOULD PERMIT U.S. OBSERVERS SELECTED BY, SPONSORED BY, CONTROLLED BY, AND RESPONSIBLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

5. TUMA TIME AND AGAIN SAID U.S. EXPERTS ARE IN SAO PAULO OFFICIALLY AS OBSERVERS, UNOFFICIALLY THEIR ADVICE IS WELCOME. DACHI  
END OF MESSAGE

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